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SUBJECT: JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF THE TRIPARTITE PLUS CHIEFS OF STAFF
MEETING, OCTOBER 1-2

REF: KAMPALA 1486

1. (U) Summary. The Tripartite Plus Chiefs of Defense met in Lubumbashi on October 1-2 to discuss issues brought up at the Tripartite Ministerial meeting in Kampala in September (reftel). A copy of the Joint Communique follows. End summary.

2. (U) Begin text:

JOINT COMMUNIQUE

3RD MEETING OF THE CHIEFS OF GENERAL STAFF OF THE TRIPARTITE PLUS
MEMBERS STATES
LUBUMBASHI, ON 1-2, OCTOBER 2007

At the invitation of the Chief of General Staff of the FARDC, Lieutenant General Dieudonne KAYEMBE, the Chief of Defense Forces of the Uganda Peoples Defense Forces General Aronda NYAKAIRIMA, the Chief of General Staff of the Rwanda Defense Forces General James KABAREBE, the Chief of General Staff of the National Defense Forces of Burundi Major General Samuel GAHIRO, the MONUC Force Commander Lieutenant General Babacar GAYE, and the facilitator represented by Lieutenant Colonel Scott BRYSON, US Defense Attache in DRC, met at the Park Hotel in LUBUMBASHI, DRC.

THEY DISCUSSED AND RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- a. To strengthen and operationalise the joint verification mechanisms in order to effectively deal with negative forces and monitor cross border situations.
- b. To encourage meetings of other state structures such as police, immigration and local administration in order to strengthen the mechanism of the Tripartite Plus.
- c. To formalise meetings of unit commanders operating along common borders at various levels in order to deal with border incidents and enhance mutual confidence,
- d. The meeting looked at the Joint Planning Cell structure, its organisation and operationalisation and approved it.
- e. To hold the next meeting of Chiefs of General Staff in Kampala, Uganda in January 2008.

The meeting was held in a free, frank and cordial atmosphere.

Done at Lubumbashi, DRC on 2nd October 2007.

[signed]

The Chief of General Staff FARDD, DRC
Dieudonne KAYEMBE

Lieutenant General

The Chief of General Staff of NDF, Burundi
Samuel GAHIRO
Major General

The Chief of General Staff of RDF, Rwanda
James KABAREBE
General

The Chief of Defense Forces of UPDF, Uganda
Aronda NYAKAIRIMA
General

End text.

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